

## **STIPEND PROGRAM FOR REGISTERED NURSES**

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

- BE A REGISTERED NURSE.
- BE ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT, DESIGNATION, OR ASSIGNMENT AS A NURSE CORPS OFFICER IN THE NAVAL RESERVE. MEMBERS SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR STIPEND PAYMENTS BEFORE THEY HAVE BEEN APPOINTED, DESIGNATED, OR ASSIGNED AS A NURSE CORPS OFFICER IN THE NAVY RESERVE.
- IF ALREADY COMMISSIONED, HAVE BEEN PERFORMING SATISFACTORY SERVICE AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN THE NAVY.
- BE ENROLLED, OR HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ENROLLMENT, IN AN ACCREDITED NURSING PROGRAM IN A MEDICAL SPECIALTY CRITICALLY NEEDED BY THE NAVY RESERVE IN WARTIME.
- POSSESS A CURRENT VALID, AND/OR UNRESTRICTED NURSING LICENSE(S), AND SUCH ADDITIONAL NURSING OR CLINICAL PRIVILEGES REQUIRED TO PURSUE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN THE CRITICAL SPECIALTY DESIGNATED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS AS A SPECIALTY NEEDED BY THE NAVY RESERVE IN WARTIME.

### **OBLIGATION:**

- INCUR A SELECTED RESERVE OBLIGATION OF 2 YEARS FOR EACH YEAR OR PARTIAL YEAR FOR WHICH STIPEND ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED.
- REPAYMENT OF THE OBLIGATION SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER COMPLETING THEIR NURSING SPECIALTY TRAINING PROGRAM AND SHALL BE IN THE NAVAL RESERVE IN THE NURSING SPECIALTY FOR WHICH STIPEND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION IS APPROVED, UNLESS EXCUSED UNDER "CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT" CRITERIA.
- SERVE SATISFACTORILY IN THE SELECTED RESERVE AS PRESCRIBED BY NAVY RESERVE REGULATIONS AND THE WRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE OBLIGATION.

### **ENTITLEMENT:**

- A MEMBER SHALL RECEIVE THE STIPEND RATE IN EFFECT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ARMED FORCES HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
- THIS RATE IS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS ON 1 JULY OF EACH YEAR AS DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.